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Suramangalam Panchayat Board.

* 1942 *Q.*—Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of the resolution, dated 19th May 1954, passed by the Suramangalam Panchayat Board in Salem district expressing want of confidence in the Executive Officer was received by the Inspector of Local Bodies;

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted on the allegations against the Executive Officer; and

(*c*) if not, what other action was taken on the resolution of the panchayat board?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Sheltered workshop to train blind students.

* 1943 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students in the various Government schools for the blind in the State in 1953–54;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to establish a sheltered workshop to train the blind; and

(*c*) if so, when it will materialise?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The number of students who were studying in 1953–54 in the three schools for the blind under the Government management is as follows :—

Government School for the Blind at Poonamallee ...	126
Government School for the Blind at Salem	42
Government School for the Blind at Kasaragod ...	23

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The proposal is under examination in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction and a decision on it will be taken as expeditiously as possible."

Shifting cultivation.

* 1944 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have conducted any experiments on shifting cultivation on the analogy of Orissa method of shifting cultivation in mountainous regions inhabited by aboriginal tribes?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The answer is in the negative."